IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/624,045 Confirmation No. 5918

Applicant : Ishihara

Filed : 7/21/2003

TC/A.U. : 2852

Examiner : Roth

Docket No. : T000-P03014US

Customer No. : 33356

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

> Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Dear Sir:

Before taking up the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.